

REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH 0003

[0003] The invention relates to a battery pack for electrically operated power tools, in particular, cordless screwdrivers, cordless power drill or the like, comprising an electric motor arranged in a tool housing and a handle connected to the tool housing. The battery pack comprises a protective housing receiving the individual battery cells of the battery pack, wherein the protective housing comprises a receiving shoe on one housing side for mechanically connecting the battery pack to the free end of the handle. The receiving shoe has electrical contacts for connecting [to] the battery pack to electrical lines connected to the drive motor, wherein the housing side facing away from the receiving shoe and forming a bottom of the battery pack has a support surface which extends substantially in the direction of a longitudinal center axis of the tool housing and wherein the individual battery cells in the protective housing are essentially arranged sequentially one after another in the longitudinal direction of the tool housing.

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REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH 0006

[0006] In order to provide a sufficient power reserve for the power tool, nickel cadmium cells have been used in the past which have a power range of approximately 1.4 to 2.2 Ah. As a result of the height and the diameter of the cylindrical battery cells, relatively heavy[,] and tall and, because of the serial arrangement, long battery packs result that are also long because of the serial arrangement. When such a power pack or battery pack is connected by a snap-on connection via the receiving shoe to the free end of the handle, a large portion of the battery pack length projects past the handle forwardly in the direction toward the drill chuck. Accordingly, the center of gravity of the power pack is in front of the handle (relative to the drill chuck) and causes a tilting moment which must be compensated by the user by introducing a force into the handle. When positioning the power tool by means of the bottom (acting as a support surface) of the battery pack onto a surface, only a limited upright stability (stability of the power tool when in the upright position) is provided in the direction transversely to the longitudinal center axis of the tool housing because the foot print of the battery pack is relatively narrow as a result of the arrangement of two rows of battery cells adjacent to one another.